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PAUL D. RIETZE, ET AL.

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FOR A MODULAR SERVER SYSTEM**

Art Group: 2841

Examiner: Hung S. Bui

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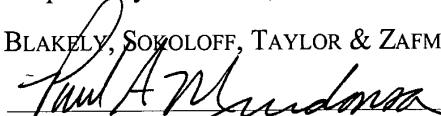
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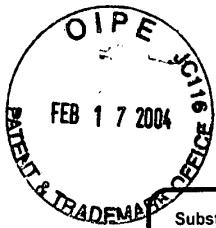
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